

John D. Lucey

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Education

The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Washington, DC -- Juris Doctor

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North Carolina State University; Raleigh, NC --- Bachelor of Arts -- Political Science

2015

Central Piedmont Community College; Charlotte, NC -- Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts

2013

Experience

Special Assistant to the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Washington, D.C. Jan. 2021 – Present

- Serve as a Schedule C appointment of President Biden in EPA's Immediate Office of the Administrator to offer strategic policy advice to the Administrator.
- Attend both internal and external meetings in the Administrator's stead to convey the Agency's perspective and preferences on sensitive issues.
- Coordinate as the Administrator's Office lead on Agency initiatives like emerging compounds (PFAS), coal combustion residuals, and Waters of the United States. Includes working closely with Assistant Administrators and their programs offices, as well as external affairs teams in the Administrator's Office.
- Identify critical policy issues or problems which require the immediate and personal attention of the Administrator and recommend appropriate courses of action regarding the necessary interface with appropriate officials like Assistant Administrators and program offices.
- Review and coordinate sensitive reports, documents, and other materials of special importance and concern to the Administrator to ensure preparedness with the Administrator and EPA's policy priorities.

Chief Strategy Officer, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality; Raleigh, NC Aug. 2019 – Jan. 2021

- Collaborated as a member of Senior Leadership Team with division directors and designees to analyze and problem-solve issues ranging from division sections to national.
- Managed the development of North Carolina's Clean Energy Plan stemming from Governor Cooper's Executive Order 80.
- Provided guidance to Department on navigation of significant State initiatives including the Duke Energy Coal Ash Settlement, North Carolina Environmental Justice and Equity Board, and Chemours Consent Order, having orders of effect on daily duties of hundreds of state regulatory employees as well as subsequent industry activities.
- Partnered with the Secretary of DEQ to handle constituent outreach affairs for the Department with environmental, industry, governmental, academic, and other stakeholders.
- Outside organization partners included business CEO's and State Presidents, the Governor and Governor's inner-circle, legislative members and caucus leaders, State party officials, Presidents of State Environmental organizations, and department chairs in academia, as well as direct contact with state media members and attorneys representing clients in dealings with the Department.
- Acted as liaison between DEQ and the Office of the Governor, partnering on legislative and communications strategy directly with Governor's Chief of Staff and providing direct briefings to the Governor on sensitive, controversial topics.
- Synthesized and summarized pertinent information for the Secretary during regular, weekly meetings regarding implementation of new and ongoing initiatives in Department with an \$80 million recurring budget.
- Reviewed and promoted outreach and collaboration on sensitive and controversial issues with external stakeholder and intergovernmental partners.
- Developed short and long-term plans pertaining to environmental issues, policies, and legislation and monitoring success throughout implementation of novel programs.

Legislative Affairs Director, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality; Raleigh, NC Sept. 2018 - July 2019

- Provided overall vision, strategy and leadership for state, local, and federal government engagement for the agency responsible for all environmental regulations for North Carolina.
- Managed complex policy and budget negotiations with environmental organizations, industry associations, legislators, government officials, corporate business leaders, academic leaders, and other stakeholders.
- Served as the Department's spokesperson at business engagements, environmental stakeholder groups, legislative committees, luncheons, and conferences.
- Formulated agency budget, objectives, and priorities and implemented plans consistent with the organization's long-term interests as part of the Senior Leadership team.
- Facilitated communication with internal and external stakeholders to keep them apprised of progress, generate credibility, and enthusiasm for agency goals and accomplishments.

- Worked with Governor's Office staff located in Washington D.C. to track federal legislation pertaining to DEQ. Facilitated dialogue with federal delegation for support on Department's initiatives. Set up and travelled with Secretary for meetings with North Carolina's federal delegation in both Senate and House offices of members.
- Managed one legislative analyst to ensure Department's reporting duties, bill tracking, and constituent concerns.
- Legislative outcomes:
 - o Increased net appropriations from \$75million to \$96million.
 - o Negotiated \$2million PFAs Recovery Fund for communities impacted by PFAs contamination
 - o Created an \$11.5million recovery fund for commercial fishermen impacted by Hurricane Florence
 - o Established a \$5million study in collaboration with UNC System to conduct PFAs sampling throughout the state
 - o \$4.6million invested into Division of Water Infrastructure for low-interest loan matches in Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds

Digital Strategist, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality; Raleigh, NC

Jan. 2018 – Aug. 2018

- Developed the social media strategy for the Secretary and agency.
- Created video and graphic content using Adobe Premiere and Illustrator
- Wrote, edited, and circulated press releases and media advisories to statewide media outlets on regulatory topics.
- Managed three interns and coordinated social media messaging with seven division public information officers.
- Travelled with Secretary and other Department staff throughout the state. Coordinated on travel arrangements, event set up, advance event, as well as staffing principal during the course of events. Staffing would include working with event staff and hosts as well as often interacting with local legislators, media, and business leaders.

Legislative Analyst, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality; Raleigh, NC

May 2017 – Dec. 2017

- Served as point person for Department's constituent services. Worked with staff at the North Carolina General Assembly and internal Department staff to research history of the constituent issue as well as possible solutions.
- Oversaw review of 73 annual legislative reports on topics related to all 10 of DEQ's Divisions. Ensured proper editorial review, compliance with statutory authority, and timely submission.
- Curated legislative agenda and priorities of the Department and researched both past and potential legislative provisions for recommendations for senior leadership. Prepared memos and briefs on meetings' subject matters

Compliance and Finance Associate, Cooper for NC; Raleigh, NC

June 2015 - April 2017

- Planned and executed 15 fundraising events throughout the campaign cycle as part of a team effort that raised over \$26M. Primary responsibilities included developing target lists, donor outreach, managing host, candidate call time preparation and follow up, pledge collection calls, advancing events, processing all \$26M in online and check contributions.
- Administered the daily tracking of the direct mail and online fundraising line items for finance plan to ensure accurate projections; direct mail program raised over \$375,000, online program raised over \$2.4M. Managed and trained one staffer and one intern to assist with check processing system.
- Worked on Gubernatorial Recount processes, specifically through the means of outreach to provisional voters and serving as an observer for the Durham Board of Election's physical hand recount.
- Gained valuable hiring experience during Cooper Transition efforts by developing application tracking system as well as making staffing placement recommendations to incoming Administration.

Activities

North Carolina State University Mock Trial Team; Raleigh, NC

Aug. 2014 - May 2015

- Gained courtroom experience in a competitive environment while working with a team.
- Leadership role on the team, led meetings for the prosecution.

North Carolina State University Habitat for Humanity; Raleigh, NC

Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2014

- Helped lead group of 20 students to Louisiana and contributed to building two homes during the week of Spring Break.
- Assisted with fundraising efforts for group by reaching out to local businesses and student outreach.

Alpha Phi Omega; Raleigh, NC

Aug. 2013 - May 2015

- Maintained active membership in a service fraternity dedicated to reaching out into the community with charitable endeavors.
- Served on Service Committee and worked with businesses to set up volunteer opportunities for fellow members.

Skills

VoteBuilder, MyNGP Technologies, SAS Statistical Software, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Cision.